

# Amity Presbyterian Church



## **First Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024**

*Glorifying Christ - Always Loving, Serving, & Growing*

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Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here. At Amity, we truly believe that each person is a loved child of God, so we seek to welcome everyone as fully as God does. We celebrate the presence of children of all ages in worship, along with their noise and wiggles. Please make yourself at home.

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Director of Music: Isaiah Cornelius  
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# We Gather Around the Word

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*The congregation speaks the words in **bold***)

We wonder – who is God?

**We wonder – where is God?**

We wonder - how do we reach God? How do we learn about God?

**We wonder – are the answers found in loving?**

\*SONG OF PRAISE *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Hymn #166

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Singing together:*

*Music: #695*

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

*Together we make our confession:*

**Compassionate God,**

**you have invited us to love one another**

**as you first loved us.**

**We confess that we have failed to accept your invitation.**

**Too often, our fears over our personal safety,**

**financial security, and social status**

**prevent us from truly loving those around us.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for our meekness.**

**Give us the boldness to receive and abide**

**in your perfect love which casts out our fears.**

**Trusting your mercy, we offer you our fears...**

*Silent prayer*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: ...Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, amen!**

## We Proclaim the Word

### THE GOSPEL IN OTHER WORDS

*Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.*

### THE GIFT OF MUSIC

*Lenten Meditation*

Althouse

Jesus Christ, my Savior lived for me, and died, source of my salvation, yet was crucified. Peace that knows no measure; this by faith I see. Love that knows no ending; Jesus died for me.

Lord, O Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days. And Lord, O Lord, by your grace help us change our sinful ways.

Hear me now, Lord Jesus; I will never stray. I will never wander. Hear me, as I pray: Free me now from darkness. Cleans me now from sin. Pardon my transgressions. Make me pure within.

Lord, O Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days. And Lord, O Lord, by your grace help us change our sinful ways. Amen.

### PSALTER READING

*Psalm 25:4-10*

Page 861 in Pew Bible

### SCRIPTURE READING

*1 John 4:7-21*

Page 1902 in Pew Bible

### MESSAGE

*"Who Is God?"*

Pastor Megan

### SUNG RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## We Respond to the Word

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO GIVE

# We Follow the Word Into the World

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymn #687

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen*

Hymn #561

A musical score for the benediction response 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

\*POSTLUDE

\*You're invited to stand, if able

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**Weekly Lenten Bible Study** will be held each Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Amity Room. Pastor Megan will lead a study deeper into the scriptures and themes for each week.

**Middle and High School Youth Group** will meet today from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. the Youth Room.

**Youth Program Need** Planning to upgrade your home TV? Donate your old one for the youth room! We are hoping to find a large flat screen TV to support learning, recreation, and creativity in our growing youth program. Contact Youth Director, Tate, if you'd like to help: (919)257-9888 or [tatearges@gmail.com](mailto:tatearges@gmail.com)